

# **STATUTES OF UNITED RESCUE AID**

Established in the formation of the United Rescue Aid at the inaugural meeting on 19 November 2015 and last revised for the annual meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

## **ASSOCIATION'S OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH**

United Rescue Aid is a non-profit organization. We work in every way possible to change the world in a way that benefits humanity, the planet we live on and to help to equalize the fundamental injustices that formed during the separation of nations, peoples, gender and religion. The association is religiously and politically independent and advocate freedom, human rights and equality.

The association has as its object to using the practical work, as well as of received and collected funds engage in charitable and humanitarian activities on a global level. The association aims to facilitate safe passage into non-war-affected countries, assisting with the help of another species of vulnerable people and contribute time, expertise and desire to create the best world possible. The Association believes that borders violate the fundamental rights we all have on Earth, and that everyone's right to equal conditions is higher than any other written laws.

## **DOMICILE**

The association is domiciled in Gotland, Sweden

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**§1** Member of the association is the one who through his or her volunteer work, participating in the association's activities, and has signed and follows the agreement to do this.

**§2** Members are entitled to participate in meetings and other gatherings organized for the members, are entitled to ongoing information about the association's affairs, should follow the rules of the association and the decisions duly taken by the bodies of the association but is not entitled to part of the association proceeds or property upon dissolution of the association.

**§3** Supporting Members, can be person who through financial assistance or other equivalent performance supports the association. A support member may publicly express their support for and commitment to the United Rescue Aid's work. A support member is allowed to use the association's logo on public material, when the purpose is to demonstrate this support and commitment, but not in any context that could affect the United Rescue Aid's reputation.

**§4** Members / Supporting Members who oppose the United Rescue Aid's aim and direction or deliberately violate United Rescue Aid's statutes or regulations and thereby harm the United Rescue Aid's operations can be excluded by the board in conjunction with a regular meeting or at an extraordinary meeting called for current exclusion. Upon exclusion of a member / support member is always required a 2/3 majority of the Board. An expulsion decision must be notified to the person concerned within a week.

Expelled member / support member cannot appeal the expulsion decision, but can apply for new membership of the United Rescue Aid no earlier than 30 days from the expulsion decision.

Application for renewal of membership are decided by the Board at the first next regular meeting. When making decisions regarding new membership for the former member / support member is always required a 2/3 majority of the Board.

## **BOARD**

**§5** The association's affairs are managed by the board. It shall - in the framework of these statutes - promoting association's progress and order and safeguard the interests of its members.

The Board is in particular that:

- Ensure that the association binding rules are observed
- The effect of the annual meeting decisions
- Plan, direct and manage the work of the Association
- Be responsible for and manage the association's funds
- Prepare the annual meeting.

**§6** Board contains of chairperson, cashier and secretary, as well as vice on each position and appropriate amount of extras, which is decided on annual meeting. Board can never consist of that many members, that it turns unpractical to run daily operations or slow down important actions that are in line with associations objectives.

**§7** Board members are elected for one year at a time, at the annual meeting of the association's voting members. The Board elects a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and the vice of these positions. The chairman owns the right to nominate a maximum of three deputies to be elected. These should be selected based on suitability based on the then ongoing projects planned and / or operated by the association. In addition, members can nominate a maximum of three additional deputies if agreed with the overwhelming majority of these three representatives differs from the already established directors.

**§8** Association's business name is signed by the President, or if the Board so decides, by two directors appointed jointly or by one of the Board specially appointed person.

**§9** Board meets when the chairman or at least 2/3 of the number of directors so decides. The Board is a quorum if the chairman participates, all the members have been called to the meeting and at least three of them are present.

Minutes from the meeting shall be recorded. Dissenting opinions shall be recorded in the minutes.

**§10** The chairperson is the official representative of the association. The chairperson leads the work of the board, and monitors that the association's statutes and other regulations are followed by the members. In the absence of the chairperson the vice-chairperson takes the chairperson's place. In case of the absence of the vice-chairperson, the remaining board will select an official representative during this absence.

All other tasks are divided between the members of the board according to the board's decision.

## **THE FISCAL YEAR**

**§11** The association's fiscal year is January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**§12** The board are selected during the annual meeting. The board and the committee will take their position in office directly after the annual meeting.

## **AUDIT**

**§13** Auditors will be appointed when the association's financial assets allow it.

**§14** The board shall provide the auditors with the association's accounts, minutes from the annual meeting- and board meetings, membership directory and other documents, upon the auditor's request. Regarding the audit of management of the fiscal year, the before-mentioned documents shall be submitted by the board one month before the annual meeting.

The auditors will review the board's administration and accounts during the fiscal year and submit an audit report to the board no later than 14 days before the annual meeting.

## **MEETINGS**

**§15** The association's annual meeting shall be held before the end of April each year.

The board decides the time and place of the annual meeting and other meetings.

The notice and the agenda of the annual meeting shall be announced no later than 3 weeks before the annual meeting by the board, on the association's bulletin board, or through an equivalent mean of communication.

The board shall make the association's accounts and the audit report available to members no later than one week before the annual meeting.

**§16** All present members are entitled to vote during the annual meeting.

**§17** The annual meeting will reach quorum with the number of voting members present at the meeting.

**§ 18** The annuell meeting agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Election of a secretary of the meeting
3. Election of a chairperson of the meeting
4. Reviewing of the previous year's activities
5. The auditors' report of the board's management during the past fiscal year, when applicable.
6. The discharge of liability of the board.
7. Election of the board for the coming year
8. Consideration of proposals that have been put forward to, or by, the board no later than 3 weeks before the meeting.
9. Other matters.

Any other matter (9) brought forward during the annual meeting **and** are of "economic nature" shall be referred to a regular board meeting in order to reduce the risk of hasty decisions.

## **EXTRA ANNUAL MEETING**

**§19** The board may summon the members of the association to an extra annual meeting, if such a meeting is needed.

The notice and the agenda of the extra annual meeting shall be announced no later than 7 days prior to the meeting to the members, via email.

At the extra meeting, only the matter stated in the agenda may be settled.

## **DECISIONS, VOTING**

**§20** Decisions are made through acclamation, or upon request by voting.

With the exception of the case in **§21** all decisions are made through a simple majority vote.

Voting takes place openly, however, if the board for a specific reason requests it, decisions can be made through a secret ballot.

In case of a tie the decision shall be made in line with the vote of the chairperson of the meeting.

Decisions shall be confirmed by striking a hammer.

## **ALTERATIONS OF STATUTES**

**§21** The statutes may only be altered by the annual meeting. In case of alterations of the statutes a unanimous decision is required by the board, as well as by two thirds of the present members of the association entitled to vote.

## **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**§22** Dissolution of the association must be decided at two member meetings, one of which has to be the annual meeting of the association. In order for the association to be dissolved, a 4/5 majority of present members is needed. The chairperson also needs to be in favour of the decision to dissolve the association.

After regulation of liabilities, any remaining assets of the association shall be vested in Sao, or other equivalent organization with the same purpose.

